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I am reaching out to you by e-mail to provide you with news that the Boy Scouts will be announcing today that they have decided to suspend camp operations at Mount Norris Scout Reservation this summer.

It's not surprising that the Boy Scouts would take this prudent step to be extra cautious and safe.

In March, the Green Mountain Council executive board invited the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to conduct routine tests at the camp. Last week, the council received test results that revealed a level of substance above acceptable EPA safety standards.

The Agency of Natural Resources and EPA are working with the Boy Scouts to explore and implement measures that will ensure the camp is absolutely safe for continual use beginning in 2010.

The Boy Scouts are fully confident that camp will be open next summer and in years to come for the next generations of scouting.

Air and water quality samples were within acceptable levels and sampling at the public boat ramp also came back with non-detectable levels of asbestos.

The Boy Scouts are acting with an abundance of caution. We do not believe there are widespread areas of concern. As the revised Health Department study points out, the deaths in the area around the mine are attributable to occupational exposure and based on historical exposure – not current conditions.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions or comments. I will continue to keep you informed of the process as we move forward.

Thank you.

Jonathan Wood
Secretary

To preserve, enhance, restore, and conserve Vermont's natural resources, and protect human health, for the benefit of this and future generations.

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